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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the

payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Scott Daniels on December 4, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In line 1 of claim 2, "having a" has been changed to ---wherein the pores include a---.

In line 2 of claim 12, "said element" has been changed to ---said heated element---.

In line 4 of claim 13, "said element" has been changed to ---said heated element---.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest a motivation for using amine groups attached to an aluminum oxide film formed by oxidizing aluminum or an aluminum alloy, or using a heated element with amine groups attached to a generic porous film on a support in combination with the other

recited structure that is capable of adsorbing carbon dioxide.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references listed on the attached PTO-892 form disclose carbon dioxide adsorption devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frank M. Lawrence whose telephone number is 571-272-1161. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Frank M. Lawrence/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1797